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## **Grand Jury Charges Quincy Man with Possession of Crack Cocaine with Intent to Distribute**

Springfield, IL- Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment today charging LeCarren T. Causey, age 27, of 1113 Jersey in Quincy, Illinois, with one count of possession with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of crack cocaine on September 6, 2006.

Causey was charged in a federal criminal complaint filed November 28, 2006. According to the affidavit filed in support of the complaint, law enforcement officers received information that Causey was transporting crack cocaine from Champaign, Illinois to Quincy on September 6, 2006. When an Illinois State Police trooper observed Causey commit several traffic violations for speeding and improper lane usage on westbound I-72 in Pike county, the trooper stopped the vehicle. During a subsequent search of the vehicle, the affidavit alleges officers recovered approximately 66 grams of crack cocaine in a sock hidden in the driver's side firewall of the trunk.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, West Central Illinois Task Force, Illinois State Police, the Quincy Police Department, and the Pike County Sheriff's Office are conducting the case investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory K. Harris.

If convicted, the statutory penalty for the offense is a minimum ten years to life imprisonment; if a defendant has one or more prior felony drug convictions, the statutory penalty is a mandatory minimum of 20 years to life imprisonment.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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